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MEMORANDUM FOR: Chief, Management Staff, ODP

FROM:

DDO ADP Control Officer

SUBJECT: Agency Review of Proposed
Federal Information Processing
Standards Publications

REFERENCE: ODP-9-834, 30 May 1979, same subject

1. We have no specific comments to make on the two proposed National Bureau of Standards publications that you sent us for review. The program plan has no aspects of special interest to us. The guide appears to be both useful and well organized.

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2. We believe that the development of Federal standards can be very beneficial. Several of the existing standards have proven their worth. We therefore encourage ODP involvement in their formulation in behalf of the CIA,

3. This Agency should, however, in this field as well as in others, strongly assert our unique character and special authorities--so that we may avoid standards policies which would impose crippling bureaucracy and new layers of oversight. There will be times when we shall require exemption either from standards themselves or from reporting on compliance with standards. CIA has the authority to do so.

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4. The DO's Information Management Staff, for its part, does not have sufficient personnel resources to participate actively in standards development and review.

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